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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 4993 VICE 4998)

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, LE, SY

SUBJECT: SITUATION IN SYRIA

REF: DEPTTEL 085362

1. DURING TOUR D'HORIZON (APRIL 18) FOREIGN MINISTER TAQLA SAID THAT WHILE THE GOL WAS CONCERNED REGARDING THE CURRENT IRAQI, SYRIAN SPATE, IT WAS CAREFULLY AVOIDING TAKING ANY SIDES, ALTHOUGH IT NATURALLY SYMPATHIZED WITH SYRIA. GOL'S POSITION OF NEUTRALITY ACCORDING TO TAQLA, IS ESSENTIAL IN CASE SITUATION FURTHER DETERIORATES AND THERE WILL BE A NECESSITY FOR COUNSELLING MODERATION OR HELPING IN FINDING A SOLUTION. TAQLA CAREFULLY AVOIDED ANY MENTION OF MEDIATION. THIS LED ME TO TELL TAQLA OF THE SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL. I EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS FROM THE DEPARTMENT. HE NODDED PRACTICALLY CONTINUOUSLY IN AGREEMENT ON ALL POINTS SET FORTH AND WHEN I CONCLUDED HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS AN EXCELLENT ANALYSIS WITH WHICH HE COULD FIND NO FAULT.

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